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Horseshoeing and All Kinds of Repairs.

WILMER,

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Compulsory Arbitration.

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In February last a peculiar case came before the Court of Arbitration in Auckland, N.Z., while engaged over a dispute in the furniture trade. Auckland is the capital of the most northerly province of New Zealand, and boasts a population of 75,000 persons. Close upon 400 persons are employed in the furniture trade there, and at the time in question they had been working under an industrial agreement, which was to be replaced in the following March by an award of the court, which ordered the minimum wage to be raised 2d. per hour. Many of the employers decided not to pay this increased rate to some of their employees, who had up to this time been in receipt of the minimum wage under the old agreement, and in consequence these men were suspended till they could procure certificates of incompetency, which would enable them to work for less than the minimum wage stipulated in the new award. The incident caused the press to circulate the statement that a lockout had occurred in Auckland, and this announcement naturally excited considerable attention even beyond the Colony, as it was generally considered that strikes and lockouts were impossible under the Arbitration Act. As a matter of fact, there was no lockout at all. The firms concerned in the dispute had continued in their business, but they had dismissed or suspended some of their workmen, on the ground that they were incompetent to receive the wage provided by the new award. Seventy or eighty persons in consequence, found themselves in the street through no fault of theirs and though doubtless, some of them were willing to admit incompetency, still the secretary of the workers' union refused to consider them as incompetent.

The Government endeavored to induce the employers to reinstate the men, but to no purpose, and the case was brought before the Arbitration Court by the Registrar of Industrial Unions, on the ground that a combined effort had been made to defeat the court's award. This could not be proved, and the court gave its decision in favor of the employers, failing to find that the award had been broken. In the course of the case, the president made an important announcement, viz. that if a combined and concerted action, such as a strike, took place, he would consider such action a breach of award, and punish it severely. Up to this, the belief was extant that a strike or lockout was only punishable while court proceedings were pending, but that when the award was delivered, they were permissible. The president, however, ruled that he should act in the spirit, and not in the letter of the law; and that as the spirit of the act was in the direction of preventing industrial strife, he had the power to punish organized infractions of award.

It would appear from this that although a worker is at perfect liberty to leave his employer's service, or an employer free to dismiss his workman, an organized or planned action on either side in this direction will constitute a lockout or strike, and will be punishable by the Court of Arbitration.

Too Good a Man to Lose

The Rev. E. A. St. George Smith has received a letter from the warden of the Church of England at Trail asking him if he would accept the pastorate of that church. He has placed the matter in the hands of the Bishop and it may be some weeks before a decision is reached. In the meantime an effort is on foot to raise a sufficient amount of money in this district as a partial remuneration for Mr. Smith to remain. For some years Mr. Smith has given his services gratuitously and has done much for the upbuilding of the church in Wilmer and adjacent missions, but now that he has been offered a substantial salary elsewhere it would be manifestly unfair to expect him to remain and to the work for nothing. We understand that a grant has been made by the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Keewatin toward Mr. Smith's stipend, and it is made solely and only on the

condition that an amount equal at least be contributed by the parishioners, and unless this is done the grant is not available. We believe there is not a churchman in the district but would regret to see Mr. Smith leave, therefore, everyone interested should at once make known their intention of aiding in making up the required sum. Mr. Robinson, church warden, at Wilmer, has the list of subscribers and will be glad to receive additional names.

R. A. Power last week left several fine duck at this place.

Divine service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Wilmer, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Wendenburg at 11 a.m. Attendance at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 p.m., beginning the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at various places.

Rev. Mr. E. St. G. Smith will conduct divine service in Wilmer in the evening of the first Sunday of each month.

Croppings

Try Tax Officer for Job Printing.

Mrs. and Miss Lambert will leave for their old home in Sarnia, Ont., shortly, much to the regret of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Chamberlain, Jos. Levac and Chas. Palmar returned Saturday from their hunt with 100 duck and two geese. Mr. Chamberlain left two fine ducks at this office and they made excellent muzzling.

A report has been circulated that the Plamagav Mines were about to close down and has got to the Coast, while the Golden Star reports it is false. Tax Officer yesterday called Manager Starbird over the phone and asked him if he had anything to say concerning the report. Mr. Starbird replied: "I have nothing to say, but that the mine is working. The newspapers can close up the mine whenever they like and as often as they like, but the fact is we are working the mine. That is all I have to say." When in town last Saturday Mr. Starbird said that he had been unable to employ enough miners all summer and would give employment to as many more men if he could get them.

Education is a better safeguard of Liberty than a standing arm.—Edward Everett.

Education is our political safety; outside of this ark all is deluge.—Horace Mann.

The heroic soul is he who, heart sick, weary as his fellow, battling strife, leaving peace, and yearning, too, to fly and leave it all, yet stays in the heat and dust and struggle of the world's conflict, striving on, hoping against hope, believing it is the hardest test of manhood; whose love for the poor tired toilers of the world is so great, whose human sympathies are so wide that he will not leave his brothers in their hopeless strife, so long as he has strength to stand.



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